

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI SALEEM IQBAL SHERVANI) : (a) and (b). There is a proposal to set up a National Illness Assistance Fund under the Department of Health, Ministry of Health & Family Welfare to provide assistance to the poor in getting specialised medical treatment for life threatening illness.

(c) The scheme is at a nascent stage as it was introduced only last year and has still to take off fully.

(d) Since the scheme is in the primary stage of consideration, no time limit for its introduction in the country can be set.

[Translation]

Computer Training to soldiers

1397. KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

SHRI SATYADEO SINGH :

DR. RAMKRISHNA KUSMARIA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are considering any proposal to launch an ambitious scheme to impart computer training to Indian soldiers at a large scale; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Computer training is imparted to various categories of personnel in the Army on a regular basis. There is no plan to carry out training on computers on a large scale.

(b) Does not arise, in view of answer at (a) above.

[English]

Various Wings of NCC

1398. SHRI SOUMYA RANJAN : Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state :

(a) the number of units of various wings of National Cadet Corps working in the country; State-wise;

(b) whether the Government propose to establish more units of National Cadet Corps;

(c) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) A Statement is attached.

(b) to (d). There is no proposal to establish more units at present, since the existing units are adequate to handle the present cadet strength.

STATEMENT

S.No.	Directorate	Army Units	Girls Units	Navy Units	Air Units	Total
1.	Andhra Pradesh	36	07	07	07	57
2.	Bihar	35	05	01	02	43
3.	Delhi	08	06	02	02	18
4.	Gujarat, Diu & Daman Dadra Nagar Haveli	24	05	03	03	35
5.	Jammu & Kashmir	06	02	01	-	09
6.	Karnataka & Goa	36	04	06	06	52
7.	Kerala & Lakshadweep	26	06	05	01	38
8.	Madhya Pradesh	39	06	03	03	51
9.	Maharashtra	43	08	05	03	59
10.	NER (Assam, Arunachal Pradesh, Meghalaya, Mizoram, Manipur, Nagaland & Tripura)	24	12	02	04	42
11.	Orissa	18	01	03	01	23
12.	Punjab, Haryana, Himachal Pradesh and Chandigarh	40	09	05	08	62
13.	Rajasthan	25	04	02	04	35
14.	Tamil Nadu, Pondicherry, Andaman & Nicobar	39	06	07	06	58
15.	Uttar Pradesh	96	18	04	04	122
16.	West Bengal & Sikkim	37	07	02	04	50
Total		532	106	58	58	754